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Dear Sir:

The undersigned believes Sanshin Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha of Hamamatsu, Japan, assignee of the present application, is a subsidiary of Yamaha Hatsudoki Kabushiki Kaisha of Shizuoka-ken, Japan.

Respectfully submitted,

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